

Torrance, California.  
July 19th., 1932.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, July 19th., 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Klusman declared a recess for a few minutes, after which Clerk Bartlett read Los Angeles County Ordinance No. 1513, Section No. 4 referring to over-crowding public meeting places.

Mayor Klusman read a petition under date of July 19, 1932, signed by 15 citizens of Torrance, protesting against the dirt and dust caused through carelessness of the contractor on Fern Avenue School. Councilman Steiner moved that it be an action of the entire Body in abating the nuisance, and the City Engineer be instructed to notify them. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read an invitation from The Board of Directors of the Sixth District Agricultural Association inviting the City Council to a reception in honor of James Rolph, Jr. Governor of the State of California at the State Exposition Building and the Dedication of the Olympiad Memorial Entrance Exposition Park, Saturday, July 23, 1932, 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Councilman Steiner moved this invitation be filed. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles notifying the City of Torrance that the obligation of the Dominguez Land Corporation to this Bank had been fully satisfied and that the Bank has no further interest in the Sales Contract between the Dominguez Land Corporation, seller, and the City of Torrance, buyer. Councilman Steiner moved this communication be filed. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from W. H. Stanger, Manager, of the Veterans' Relief Association dated July 19, 1932, requesting the City Council to guarantee payment of electric meter installation cost at their warehouse. Councilman Conner moved we comply with request and guarantee charges, also pay telephone installation charges. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 5th., 1932, as amended, be adopted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 8:00 P.M. sealed bids for trucks were opened and read as follows:

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| Pageol Motors Sales Co., with hoist |       | \$1,011.80 Net |
| " " " " " "                         |       | 1,102.00 Net   |
| " " " " without hoist               |       | 695.00 Net     |
| Schultz & reckham, with hoist       | Ford  | 1,252.28       |
| " " " without hoist                 | "     | 749.92         |
| Rowland-Lindsey Co., with hoist     | Dodge | 1,118.60       |
| " " " without hoist                 | "     | 670.60         |

Councilman Ludlow moved these bids be referred to the Street Committee for action and report back at next meeting for recommendation by the Council. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the American District Telegraph Company dated July 19, 1932, with reference to installation of fire alarm connection between the Pacific Electric Railway Shop and the Torrance Fire Department. Councilman Conner moved this request be granted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Pan American Petroleum Company dated July 5, 1932, wherein they advise that the Pan American Petroleum Company laid no pipe lines under Ordinance No. 92 from January 1, 1932 to June 30, 1932. Councilman Steiner moved this letter be filed. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Mrs. Jacob Roth, Secretary Gardena Unit Tax Reduction League dated July 16, 1932, expressing the League's appreciation for the City Council's recent action in regard to relief for the taxpayers who own property in Alondra Park assessment district. Councilman Steiner moved this letter be filed. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from W. H. Stanger, Chairman Fireworks Committee of the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 American Legion, dated July 6, 1932, thanking the City Council and City Clerk for the cooperation in helping them to make the sale of their fireworks a success. Councilman Conner moved this letter be filed. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication signed by Joe Prata, together with a petition signed by 41 persons, with reference to an undesirable condition existing due to poisonous fumes from a smelting plant located at Western Avenue and 222nd Street was read. Councilman Steiner reported this had been taken up and the smelting company is now making some arrangements to have this condition corrected. Engineer Leonard stated this matter was being handled through the Health Department and that the smelting company had agreed to abate the nuisance before the first of August.

Clerk Bartlett read an Encroachment Permit from the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, granting permission to remove one eucalyptus tree located in the approximate center of the traveled portion of Madison Street on the north side of Newton Avenue. Councilman Steiner moved this communication be filed and the Street Superintendent be instructed to proceed with the work. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication, in connection with the widening of Torrance Boulevard near the Redondo Beach City Limits, from the County of Los Angeles, Road Department, addressed to the City Engineer, was read. Assistant Road Commissioner O.F. Cooley stated that the deeds drawn by the Engineering Department of the City of Torrance had been checked and the County would appreciate the action if the City of Torrance would undertake to secure the conveyances. Councilman Steiner moved Engineer Leonard be instructed to comply with the request. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A letter written by Engineer Leonard to the Los Angeles City Board of Education under date of July 19th., 1932, was read regarding street improvements and sewage disposal for the Torrance Fern Avenue School. Councilman Steiner moved the letter be indorsed by the City Council as per Engineer Leonard's request and sent to the School Board. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A copy of letter sent by J. L. Pomeroy, M. D. Los Angeles County Health Officer to the Honorable Board of Education, City of Los Angeles, under date of July 15, 1932, advising against establishment of cesspool to serve the Fern Avenue School was read. Councilman Steiner moved this letter be filed. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from The Regional Planning Commission requesting the City Council to establish a building line by ordinance along a portion of Prairie Avenue, was read. Engineer Leonard recommended adoption of a Building Line Ordinance insofar as it referred to Prairie Avenue.

City Attorney Jensen then read

ORDINANCE NO. 233

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BUILDING SETBACK LINES  
UPON THAT PORTION OF PRAIRIE AVENUE SOUTH OF  
RIVERSIDE REDONDO BOULEVARD (REDONDO BOULEVARD)  
IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Wright moved Ordinance No. 233 be approved for its first reading. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication addressed to Mr. F.R. Leonard, City Engineer, from Theo. F. Myers, together with a deed conveying a strip of land 17 ft. in width from the south side of Lot 5, Block 302, Tract No. 1952 needed for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard, was read. Councilman Steiner moved the deed be accepted and held in escrow by the City in accordance with conditions contained in letter accompanying such deed, and Mr. Myers be so notified. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition was read addressed to the Honorable City Council signed by 20 sponsors of the three Boy Scout Troops located in the City of Torrance and residents of the City of Torrance, requesting that the Council provide adequate transportation with proper protection in the form of insurance for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to and from their camps. Councilman Ludlow moved the Chair appoint a committee with power to act. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Mayor Klusman appointed Councilmen Conner and Ludlow and himself as a committee to act.

A proposal from C. J. Rambo & Company to audit city books on a quarterly basis was read. Mayor Klusman referred this letter to the Finance Committee and Chairman to report at next meeting.

Councilman Steiner stated that a Resolution should be adopted requesting the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to supply 275 days labor at \$2.40 per day from relief fund for the grading of Fern and Eldorado Streets around the school property, and that the Engineer be instructed to write a letter to the Department of Charities making such request.

Attorney Jensen read:

RESOLUTION NO. 539

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO FURNISH MONEY  
FROM RELIEF FUND WITH WHICH TO GRADE PORTIONS OF  
FERN AND ELDORADO STREETS.

Councilman Steiner moved that Resolution No. 539 be adopted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved we change oral communications to the last order of business. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Conner read a communication from R. E. Steckel, Chief of Police, City of Los Angeles, addressed to Chief Calder, with reference to the work being done on the Radio Patrol proposition. He also read estimate from Harvel Gutfenfelder and Gene DeBra for two auto radio sets amounting to \$65.00 each, and moved the sets as outlined be purchased. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Wright read Ordinance No. 109 establishing curfew regulations, and moved the attorney be instructed to draw an ordinance striking out Section 2. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Jensen read

RESOLUTION NO. 540

AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY J.R. JENSEN TO FILE WITH THE RAILROAD COMMISSION AN APPLICATION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH A GRADE CROSSING ALONG SANTA CLARA STREET OVER THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC TRACKS AND RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Steiner moved that resolution No. 540 be adopted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Jensen read

RESOLUTION NO. 541

AUTHORIZING THE DOMINGUEZ LAND CORPORATION TO DEED A PORTION OF BLOCK 50, TORRANCE TRACT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT DEED FOR A PORTION OF SAID BLOCK 50. ALSO AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO SECURE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR SAID PROPERTY AND PLACE SUCH DEED OF RECORD.

Councilman Steiner moved that Resolution No. 541 be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Jensen introduced the License Ordinance for its first reading. Councilman Conner moved it be referred to the Ordinance Committee. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett requested the Board to make a motion to have the inspection car overhauled since it is intended to prepare to use it as a radio patrol service. Councilman Steiner moved it be overhauled. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow reported that he and Councilman Conner had interviewed the contractor of the Health Center job and found that the job had been sublet to 18 contractors. Councilman Ludlow recommended that those seeking work go to the Chamber of Commerce and get the addresses of these various sub-contractors, and they could also get the names and addresses of the contractors on the Fern Avenue School.

Councilman Ludlow moved the City Clerk write a letter to the County Health Department with reference to reducing their contract with the city from \$1200.00 to \$1000.00 for the coming year. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Councilman Ludlow would like to get figures from the Health Department.

Councilman Ludlow stated with regard to the life insurance plan that he had requested the Missouri Life agent to furnish a financial statement, that the Equitable Life had already furnished such statement. Until we receive the Missouri Life statement there will be no action taken.

Councilman Ludlow stated that as the city was now on a Cash Receipt and Disbursement basis it would be more advantageous for the Council to meet on the 2nd. and 4th. Tuesdays of each month, and moved that an ordinance be drawn to this effect. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow presented a report from the City Auditors which he had just received containing the past two years audit of the city books, also past four years audit of the Chamber of Commerce books, and moved the report be referred to the Finance Committee for checking and report at the next meeting. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow asked Councilman Conner about the dog pound. Clerk Bartlett stated for Councilman Conner, as yet there is nothing definite to report and requested more time be granted. Councilman Conner asked Mr. Whyte if he could cooperate through his column.

Councilman Ludlow reported the street lights are now on metered service. Our first month has been gratifying and our City Engineer states there will be better results. After some discussion with reference to maintenance, Councilman Ludlow moved that Mr. Scott of the Torrance Electric Shop be employed by the City of Torrance to do this work for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow asked regarding the telephone service in outlying districts and any other developments regarding the service. Engineer Leonard stated this matter was under consideration and as yet we have no reply from the telephone Company and think by the next meeting will be able to report.

Councilman Conner moved the City Clerk be instructed to write a letter to the Mayor and City Council of Compton thanking them for the courtesies and cooperation that has been extended to us in the relief work recently started and that through them we also wish to thank Mr. Downing who was so good to come over and help us in this matter. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At this time Mayor Klusman took the floor to reply to charges filed against him. The Mayor denied all charges, and refused to apologize or resign. He also brought up the matter of a certain pipe line which had been lowered on Sepulveda Boulevard, and intimated that charges had been filed in the District Attorney's office.

Councilman Wright moved that Councilman Conner file with the City Clerk the charges made against Mayor Klusman, the file to be open to the public for ten days. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner and Wright. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Ludlow, Steiner, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Conner moved the motion regarding boy scouts be rescinded pending the committee's meeting which we may have with the group presenting this petition. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. O. A. Leatherman in the audience said three members of the Council would be recalled if the Council did not get down to business.

Mr. Beverly Smith in the audience spoke about attendance at the Council meetings.

Councilman Conner moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.



The meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett

City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. J. Herman

Mayor of the City of Torrance.